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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bernarr E. Gregory

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 6-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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1. Claims 7-9 are allowable over the prior art of record.
2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:  

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Lines 5-9 of independent claim 1 make claim 1 indefinite and unclear in that the language of these lines does not clearly and definitely state what structure within the overall claimed device performs the calibration that is functionally described and in that it is misdescriptive of the disclosed invention. It is noted that the preamble of independent claim 1 identifies the overall device as being an "electronic device." Further, the body of claim 1 identifies the claimed "device" as comprising an "altimeter," a "GPS unit," and a "housing." Yet, lines 5-9 of claim 1 state that the overall "device," which would include the claimed "altimeter," calibrates the claimed "altimeter." This would ultimately mean that the altimeter is calibrating itself. Logically, some portion of the overall claimed device must be acting to calibrate the "altimeter," but this is not claimed clearly and definitely. Further, the invention as disclosed clearly has the "processor" (item 18 in Figure 2) calibrating the "altimeter." The written disclosure of the calibration of the "altimeter" is to be found from page 7, line 12 of the Specification to page 9, lines 6 of the Specification. In this passage, it is quite clear that it is the "processor" that is doing the calibration of the "altimeter."

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Please note on lines 2-3 of page 9 of the Specification that it is stated that at, "step 44, the processor 18 calibrates the altimeter ...". Therefore, beside the passage being logically unclear, the passage makes claim 1 misdescriptive of the disclosed invention.

Dependent claims 2 and 6 are unclear in that they depend from unclear independent claim 1.

4. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
5. Claims 2 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernarr E. Gregory whose telephone number is (571) 272-6972. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

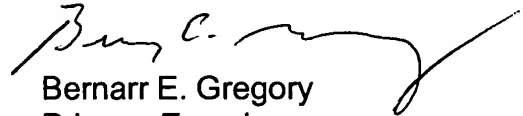
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H. Tarcza, can be reached on (571) 272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernarr E. Gregory", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bernarr E. Gregory  
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